

THE TEXAS SINKING.

GREAT ALARM AND EXCITEMENT AT THE GOSPORT NAVY-YARD.

A Second Turret Caves the New Battle Ship—She Takes Water, but It Is Quickly Pumped Out—Personal.

(Special telegram to the Dispatch.)

PORTSMOUTH, VA., October 30.—There was great alarm and excitement at the navy yard early this morning occasioned by the report of the watchmen on board that the battle-ship Texas was sinking at her dock—the bell was rung at 6 o'clock, the workmen called in and the marines ordered out, steam was gotten up on turbines and the Texas, and every preparation was made to place the ship in the dry dock as speedily as possible. In the meantime the water had risen to a height of six feet and soon pumped her of water, when it was found that in putting the second turret on board the ship had become so listed that the valves left open began to take in water.

IT IS NOTHING SERIOUS.

NORFOLK, VA., October 30.—Admiral Brown had the water promptly pumped out, and an examination of the ship showed that the water had been taken in through the gun ports.

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ANNIVERSARY.

The pententh anniversary celebration of the Portsmouth Young Men's Christian Association was held yesterday afternoon, appropriate services were held all day at the evangelical churches of the city, with addresses by prominent members of the organization in the two cities and the ministers.

Pententh anniversary was held in honor of Mr. Beverly, of Nebraska, the new general secretary for Portsmouth, who will arrive with his wife on Thursday. The association hopes to greatly revive the work this year.

VISITING LODGES.

(Correspondence to the Dispatch.)

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THE U. S. CIRCUIT JUDGESHIP.

Captain C. M. Blackford to be Urged for It—A Colored Chickens Thief Shot.

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Williams has a notorious colored thief, to type for the city jail, suffering from a bad case of syphilis, and the result of his conduct would be to get him released.

Rev. Dr. W. C. Taylor, pastor of the First Methodist Church, has been spending a few days in Staunton, returned home this evening.

Mrs. Hawley Dartington and two children from Australia are here visiting their sister-in-law, Mrs. W. G. Jones, of Nicholson Avenue.

CURRENT ISSUES DISCUSSED.

B. D. Jones, of Evansville, and Judge Mann Make Special Speeches.

(Correspondence to the Dispatch.)

ROANOKE, VA., October 30.—An important meeting to-night at Davis's Hall, Spokane, were made by J. Allen Woots, Democratic candidate for the State Senate; Colonel Robert L. Lewis, candidate for the legislature; and other prominent white speakers. As J. Oliver, a colored attorney, and Rev. R. R. Jones, colored, also addressed the meeting, advising the colored people to support the Democratic cause.

The populists are working like beavers here, but the meeting to-night showed that so far the Democrats are in the lead, as to getting the colored vote.

Death of W. H. Black.

(Special telegram to the Dispatch.)

RALEIGH, N. C., October 30.—Mrs. W. H. Black, wife of the superintendent of the Oxford Orphan Asylum, died there yesterday. Week before last her younger son died and last week her brother died. Mrs. Black, who was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, was the author of the Methodist Hand-Book of Missions, and was one of the leaders of the missionary work in the Methodist Episcopal church.

Governor Carr to-day authorized an exchange of courts between Judges Winston and McRae, by which the former will hold the fall term of the Mecklenburg County court, and the latter the next spring term of Catawba court.

Madison's Visitors to Chicago.

(Correspondence to the Dispatch.)

OAK PARK, IL., October 27.—The following from the neighborhood news are now available: Mr. and Mrs. Iraun Hill Professor and Mrs. C. A. Major, Professor Edwin Lovell, Messrs. Sidney Thomas, Lester Hill, and William J. Cavy, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Clegg, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Collins, Dr. Tammey's Mill, who just returned from Baltimore, where they purchased their fall and winter stock of goods.

Ed. James (colored) was shot a few nights since near Tayman's Mill, by Mr. Z. R. Johnson. He was stealing corn from Mr. James Strother's corn-field. The wound was not serious. It is thought he has left for parts unknown.

KING WILLIAM'S COUNTY FAIR.

Excellent Exhibits in Every Department.

Tournament and Ball.

(Correspondence to the Dispatch.)

KING WILLIAM COURTHOUSE, VA., October 30.—The King William County Agricultural Society held its annual fair here on Thursday and Friday of last week. The total attendance both days was about three thousand. The exhibits in every department were excellent, far surpassing those previous day. A large number of persons from the neighboring counties attended, and were delighted with what they saw. The racing was particularly good, there being on the track a number of fine horses. The sale of hams in Eastern Virginia. Among them was Nelly Bly, the successful winner at the State Fair in Richmond a few days ago.

A grand entertainment on the second day attracted a large crowd at the race track. Quite a number of gallant knights competed for the honors of the day, and fortune favored Mr. George Gregory, of the town, who won the competition. The annual ball and coronation was held at the palatial residence of Mr. F. E. Edmunds. The coronation odes were delivered by Mr. C. C. Edwards, a rising young attorney of West Point, Va. After the ode the queen, Miss Mollie Harrison of Richmond, was crowned by Mr. B. C. Garrison, and the maid of honor was created first maid, by Mr. B. Lipscomb; Miss Mary Hill, second maid, by Mr. J. S. Whiting, and Miss Ada White, third maid, by Mr. Hunter Montague.

THE NEW NORFOLK PRESBYTERY.

Preachers Mapping Out Work for It—The Probable Moderator.

(Special telegram to the Dispatch.)

NORFOLK, VA., October 30.—The Presbyterian preachers at their weekly meeting to-day were engaged mapping out the work for the new presbytery, which will be organized next month. East Hanover presbytery is to be organized in the First church in this city on November 1st, when a moderator and stated clerk will be elected and committees appointed. The presbytery will be presided over by Dr. George D. Armstrong, of this city, till the moderator is elected, and it is thought will be elected to that position.

Fitz Lee and Mr. Tarsney.

They Do Effective Campaign Work at Winchester—A Successful Day.

(Special telegram to the Dispatch.)

WINCHESTER, VA., October 30.—General Fitzhugh, Mr. and Mrs. John C. Tarsney, congressmen from this district, addressed the largest meeting of the campaign here to-day. As General Lee stepped forward to speak he received an ovation. He referred feelingly to the presence of General Lee, his old master, and spoke of the pleasure he felt in meeting him with Mr. Tarsney, against whom he fought in the late war, but with whom he is now fighting for a common cause. He said that other parties in this country had outlived all of us, the only ones now is the little handful of Populists. Speaking of the silver question, General Lee declared him to be a son and student of the man who wanted a bank-note, upon the theory that he was "the only one that knew that my Redeemer liveth."

He paid a high tribute to Mr. Cleveland, and said that he was the only president since the war who had courage to throw a bomb into the camp of the tariff barons. General Lee appealed to the Democrats to bury their differences and unite on the nomination.

THE NEW BILL.

Mr. Tarsney's speech was a significant presentation of the Democratic policy on the tariff question. As a member of the Ways and Means Committee he promised within three weeks his bill will be published.

The Republicans for taking the nomination of

life and not the luxuries. He said that the high tariff was a war measure and would be repealed. Referring to the Constitutional Convention, Mr. Tarsney said that the delegates had already fulfilled two of their pledges, viz., to have the Sherman and Federal-secession laws. He closed with an eloquent oration and reminded the audience of the check and menace of Congress to the South and the remembrance of a Democratic victory in Virginia.

Mr. Tarsney, although a stranger here, captured the audience by sight and enthusiasm, and excited it to the greatest enthusiasm.

Several Democratic clubs from the county came into the city mounted and occupied by Robert Jones, a worthy colored man, was discovered on fire. Jones and his wife, who were asleep at the time, were aroused just in time to make their escape, but their only escape was by jumping through the second-story window. Both of them were injured by the jump—Jones very severely. In the excitement, however, they lost their clothes, and smoke and fire to rescue the infant, which was gone. The family lost all their property, and have only an insurance of \$100 in the Peterkin Building.

A reception to General Lee and Mr. Turner-Ashby Camp of Confederate Veterans.

THE TOANO BIG MEETING.

Distinguished Speakers to be Present—Sunday Death of a Child.

(Correspondence to the Dispatch.)

WILLIAMSBURG, VA., October 30.—The corrected list of speakers for the great Democratic barbecue to be given at Toano Station, James City county, next Saturday includes Judge William H. Mann, of Notoway, Mr. Merle Haynes, Mr. C. C. Cason, of Hampton, and Congressman D. G. Tyler. Quite a number of the faithful will go up from here, and Chairman Andrew J. Barnes, of the county, informed me this morning that he gave every indication of a very large attendance.

A little child of Mr. and Mrs. John Snopes, while being brought here by his parents to see the doctor, was soon after admitted to the hospital.

John Lawler, of Norfolk, was here yesterday and gave a good account of the Democratic party in the city.

Rev. Mr. Harton, pastor of Woodlawn Baptist church, at Swift Creek yesterday baptized twelve persons as the result of the recent baptism at that church. The baptizing was done in soft creek in the presence of a large crowd of spectators.

A MYSTERIOUS CASE.

A white woman named Bettie Cooke was brought into the city by a Chesterfield constable this afternoon in custody. She had been badly beaten, and the constable said that she was unable to give an intelligent account except that she had been beaten by three men. The parties are unknown at this time. The woman was taken to the jail for care.

At the last convention of Blue Lodge, Atkinson, Ga., this place, Mr. J. L. Caughey was initiated into the secret of the first degree, after which Mr. Herling Boswell presented to the lodge handsome life-size photographs of its master, Mr. Hiram Burnholder.

THE DEMOCRATS ARE IN THE LEAD.

BONDING Meeting of Independent Colored Voters—The Populist Delegates.

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